

ABOUT TOWN.

Flake hominy at Layton & Haley's.

Call on Layton & Haley if you want fresh butter.

Those salt pickles at Layton & Haley's are fine. Be sure to try them.

A little daughter arrived Saturday afternoon to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Starck.

FOR SALE—A large wooden cistern, delivered at the public school grounds. Apply to LOUIS KOWALSKI.

FOR SALE—Household and kitchen furniture, perfectly new. Apply at residence of Mrs. J. H. Edwards on Washington street next door to J. S. Thornham's.

The country is looking somewhat dry, but stock are looking well. The third crop of mezquite beans is now ripening and these, with the ripe fruit of the prickly pear, take the place of grass.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bloomberg, Saturday, at Monterey, Mexico, a daughter. The news of this happy event was received by Mrs. Bloomberg's father, Louis Kowalsky, by telegram.

It is sure to rain the latter part of this month or during September, to insure pasturage for the winter. We nearly always have abundant rains in this section during the period of a few weeks preceding the autumnal equinox.

The Corpus Christi Caller says: "Mr. Nic Constantine arrived in town on the 8th instant from Point Isabel on the Givens boat, the Mary Ann. Mr. Constantine says he is undecided what he will do; may locate in this city again."

Ten cars of the bonded freight from the bark Speculant arrived on the train about one o'clock. Over 200 tons of her cargo has been lightered since yesterday, and she has something less than that weight still on board to be lightered.

The appointment of R. B. Creager, Esq., as deputy clerk of the federal court at Brownsville is announced, the office having been vacated by the resignation of Benj. Kowalski, who had held it for about two years. Mr. Creager was also lately appointed U. S. commissioner here. The appointment of Geo. W. Hoffman to the office of commissioner at Rio Grande City was also made the same day. Knox Jones, Esq., was the former incumbent of the latter office.

Drowned Man's Body

Found Floating in the River—Apparently a White Man.

On Saturday last the body of a man was found floating in the river near Santa Rosalia, about five or six miles below town. The body was drawn ashore, and Justice of the Peace Gavito was notified of the greswome discovery. He went down at once to hold an inquest, but was unable to determine anything definite, owing to the condition of the body, which was badly decomposed and mutilated by fish. Apparently it had been in the water about eighteen days. There were no garments on it, and the flesh had all been eaten off the face. One small patch of black hair a little larger than a dollar remained on the head. Justice Gavito is of the opinion that it is the body of a white man, and that his death was by drowning, but there is no clue to his identity.

The remains were buried in the cemetery at Santa Rosalia.

PURELY PERSONAL

Hon. J. I. Kleiber left on the Matamoros train for up-river points this morning.

Judge Wells lefts Corpus Christi Friday and is expected to reach home tomorrow.

John McAllen and John Young arrived in town Saturday from their Hidalgo county ranch.

A telegram received here announces the arrival of May. Fred Combe at San Francisco yesterday.

Fred. W. Truitt, the popular commercial tourist is with us once more, having arrived by Saturday's National train.

Miss A. E. Dysart, principal of the Presbyterian Mission School of Matamoros, returned to that city Saturday, after spending several weeks in the interior of Mexico.

Mrs. J. Sauder and sister, Mrs. C. Miller, who have been visiting their old home in Germany for two months past, sailed Saturday from Bremen, on their return to the United States. They will probably visit relatives at Chicago before returning to Brownsville, but are expected to reach home in about a month.

Mrs. J. A. Browne and party returned last evening from their ambulance outing to Tortugas ranch in Hidalgo county. Those comprised in the party, besides Mrs. Browne, were Misses Irene and Mamie Browne, Katie and Mattie Hicks, Lily Charay and Etta Kowalski, Masters Edgar and Alphonse Hicks and James Browne.

TEMPERATURE RECORD.

The temperature record as taken at Fort Brown for the last three days of last week was as follows:

Aug.	Max Temp.	Min. Temp.
14	98°	74°
15	98°	75°
16	98°	75°

BAPTIST MISSION.

One block from Post Office on Levee Street.

Preaching Sundays at 10:30 a. m. " " 7:30 p. m. Sunday School " 9:30 a. m. Prayer meetings

Wednesdays 7:30 p. m. ALL SERVICES IN ENGLISH. Strangers welcome at all Services. REID HALE, Missionary.

Compressed cork in the form of tiles has made its appearance in the market. It is claimed that this material is admirable for flooring, because of its noiselessness and its waterproof qualities. It is also said to be inimical to germs. The degree of compression can be varied in the process of manufacture.

OLIVES AT CORPUS.

Mr. R. Joseph presented the Caller this morning with an olive twig with several large green olives on it, raised in his yard on south bluff. What next will the people grow in Nueces county? Great is the Texas coast country.

TRAIN DISPATCHERS SCARCE.

The Laredo Times of recent date says:

Reliable train dispatchers are at present scarce in this section of the country and the National has as yet been unable to secure one to take the third trick in the dispatcher's office in this city. At present chief dispatcher, M. M. Leyendecker and first and second trick men, T. A. Leyendecker, and J. C. Gravis are dividing the extra work between them.

J. A. OTTMANN.

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Grulla Wh'm-Whams.

EDITOR HERALD:

Grulla, Texas, Aug. 10.—Sir:—It is now nearly three weeks since my last letter. I have been so busy that I was unable to write you—and then, there was such a dearth of news that I threw up the sponge—and the weather got so hot, that I nearly kicked the bucket. There—that ought to satisfy you, unless, like Pharaoh, you harden your heart and refuse to admit explanations. Be careful to observe that I don't say excuses, because I know that such are inadmissible in a newspaper office.

The weather keeps the same, hot and dry. In the last week of July, we had a shower here, and it rained quite heavily at Las Garcias Abajo. This rain came too late to save the scanty crop of corn at Las Garcias, La Casita, etc. But some few have planted at the above named places.

The river rose several times here and entered our estero at the lower end, but did not fill it. The water soon disappeared in the thirsty soil.

For the last three or four days, the weather has been very hot, with the thermometer running to 98° and 101° in the shade. When that weather office sharp gets his cold stove made by a factory, he ought to sell thousands down here, provided they are cheap.

I have just come in from a trip of some forty odd miles in the back country. Only at the Tanque de los Longoriae and at El Charco del Toro, was water to be found, until the ranches of Don Florencio Alvarado, Pedro Villareal, and the Penas at San Ysidro. At those places there are wells, windmills, and abundant water.

As for grass, there is none. In some places the stubs are left, and I suppose the roots are alive, waiting for a rain. In most the places, ground is bare as a floor. But there have been two abundant crops of mesquite beans, with lots still left, and there is now a most tremendous crop of tunas. I never saw such a lot of that fruit. Every animal, even the horse, is living upon these. I can't say that they are fat, but they are in fair condition. But it was hot! Whew! How I imitated the English in Flanders.

At the rancho of Dona Geraldita—(I forgot the surname) there is a deep well, over 100 feet deep. Last month an attempt was made to clean it out as it was caving, and a digger became suffocated with gas at the bottom of the well and died. Another who went down to bring up the body was so overcome with the foul gas, that he was drawn up partly *extraviado*, and I understand so continues.

There is nothing here. *Todo es paciferos* the Mexicans say. Our only items are the mad coyotes, which make nearly nightly incursions in the ranches. Last Tuesday evening one was killed in the main street of the village, near the house of Don Eutimio Garcia.

I am heartily glad to see how triumphantly Mr. Wells came out. But it was only what I expected, and it was very foolish of Mr. Cockrell to pit himself against the Rupert of the Frontier. He might as well try to buck against a *chubasco*. I've said nothing about uniform primaries, as I did not understand what they meant. Hereafter we will see if they are so very useful.

What's about the steamer? Is it possible that so little is doing that the Manteo can't keep on? I hope the news will stimulate action on the part of the business men of Brownsville.

It is too hot for me to say anything about general politics, so I'll close. EL SOLTERO.

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WALKED FROM RIO GRANDE.

A party of 20 Mexican women, it is said, arrived in Alice a few days ago, footing it across the country from Starr county, all their belongings being loaded on one poor little donkey which they drove ahead of them. Dry weather, it is said, is forcing the people to leave that part of the Rio Grande valley till it rains. The Mexicans, who were going east to pick cotton, tell a sad story, we are told.

WANTS ONE LIKE IT.

Mr. John G. Kenedy arrived in town several days ago from La Parra ranch, where the artesian wells, he says, are still keeping up their big flows. He had a picture of one yesterday that is a beauty, and in these dry times enough to make anybody sigh because of not having one like it.

House For Rent.

A large two-story brick house on Elizabeth street, opposite First National bank, suitable for mercantile business for rent. Has ago do an underground cistern. For particulars apply to Louis Puente, or Henry Krausse.

BRIGHT'S DISEASE.

The largest sum ever paid for a prescription, changed hands in San Francisco, Aug. 29, 1902. The transfer involved, in coin and stock \$112,500, and was paid by a party of business men for a specific for Bright's disease.

They commenced the serious investigation of the specific Nov. 15, 1901. They interviewed scores of the secured and tried it out on its merits by putting over the three dozen cases on the treatment and watching them. They also got physicians to name chronic, incurable cases, and administered it with the physicians for judges. Up to Aug. 25, eighty-seven per cent of the test cases were either well or progressing favorably.

There being but thirteen per cent of failures, the parties were satisfied and closed the transaction. The proceedings of the investigating committee and the clinical reports of the test cases were published and will be mailed free upon application. Address John J. Fulton Company, 420 Montgomery St. San Francisco, Cal.

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